These motions were considered withdrawn as the Members were absent.

Question proposed: *That the allotment asked for Stamps be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

23. Demand No. XII—Anchal—Rs. 66,296.

Deputy President.—Demand No. XII—Anchal.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 66,296 under 'XII—Anchal'. The increase in the allotment under 'establishment' for next year over that for the current year is due to the raising of the pay of the inferior servants to Rs. 10 and the appointment of 4 additional Anchal men. I hope the Council will vote the grant.

Motions Nos. 30 & 31.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 33,132. for Establishment by Re. 1.*

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,000 for cost of Anchal and Service stamps by Rs. 12,000.*

Deputy President.—The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 32.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 66,296 under Demand No. XII by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 32.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 33.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 66,296 for Anchal.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 33, Mr. Salem. He is absent.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed:—*That the allotment asked for Anchal be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

24. Demand No. II—Agriculture and Panchayats—Rs. 3,01,591.

Deputy President.—Demand No. II.

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 83,321 for "Agriculture", Rs. 9,227 for "Avenues", Rs.1,95,206 for "Panchayats" and Rs. 13,874 for "Veterinary"—the votable portions of the allotment for the Department of Agriculture and Panchayats for the year 1105.

The details of the provision of Rs. 83,321 for "Agriculture" are the following:—

Rs.	4,466	Cost of my Office Establishment.
,,	10,120	Field Staff.
,,	14,216	Allowances, Supplies and Services.
,	13,717	Farm Establishment including pay of the Specialists and their peons.
,,	31,206	Working expenses of the Central Farm including Agricultural School.
,,	200	For the rent of the Manure Depot building.
,,	2,000	Cattle breeding.
,,	4,000	Exhibitions.
,,	3,396	For the Cocoanut Station and its maintenance.

The increase under 'Field Staff' is on account of the provision made for the Durbar Scholars in Agriculture who have now returned after training.

Increase under "Supplies and Services" is on account of a provision of Rs. 5,250 under "Instruments and Accessories" for laboratory equipments. The construction of the laboratory buildings in the Central Farm is nearing completion, and will be handed over to this Department early in 1105.

The provision of Rs. 1,215 under 'Office-Miscellaneous' comprises the following items :—

Rs.	500	For Demonstrations.
,,	315	Stipend to a Scholar at Poona.
,,	250	Subscription to Journals.
,,	150	Miscellaneous, such as conveyance, etc.

The remaining items do not call for any explanation.

Farm Operations.—The demand under 'Establishment' is Rs. 13,717. I have already explained in the Council that this expenditure includes the pay of the Specialists and their peons also. (Vide page 807 of the Budget Session of 1103.) This item does not, therefore, require any further elucidation.

The demand under "Farm Operations" is Rs. 31,206 which includes an amount of Rs. 1,800 provided for travelling allowance of the staff and a provision of Rs. 554 for running the Agricultural School attached to the Farm.

The provision of Rs. 6,650 under 'Farm-Miscellaneous' comprises the following:—

Rs.	150	Repair of roads.
,,	400	Fencing.
,,	150	Boundary walls—cleaning and fire-dressing.
,,	400	Purchases and repair of vessels.

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Rs.	300	Conveyance charges.
,,	150	Silt-clearing tanks and wells.
,,	200	Irrigation appliances.
,,	150	Purchase of baskets, ropes, etc.
,,	4,000	Plantations.
,,	400	Experiments on tobacco.

The provision of Rs. 2,552 under "sheds, etc.," is for the following:—

Rs.	1,800	For deepening a tank in the Northern Block of the Farm.
,,	752	For construction of a shed for boiling food for cattle.

Seed and Manure Depots.—Rs. 200 has been provided for hire of buildings for conducting depots. The expenditure for purchasing and storing manures is met from "Advances Repayable". Hence no provision is made for this under the expenditure side.

Cattle Breeding.—The provision of Rs. 2,000 under "Cattle Breeding" is for giving grants to private individuals, co-operative or other public bodies for maintaining stud-bulls. A few applications for grants have been received. Good stud-bulls are available at the Farm for sale, a couple of which were sold during the course of the year.

Exhibitions.—Rs. 4,000 has been provided for conducting an exhibition. The exhibition for 1105 is proposed to be held at Chittur. The two previous exhibitions, one held at Irinjalakuda in 1103 and the other held at Vadakkancheri in Medam last, were very much appreciated by the public. The Government propose to hold these shows in all the Taluks by turns.

Cocoanut Station.—The provision of Rs. 1,096 is for the 'Establishment charges' and Rs. 2,300 for 'work, etc.' The staff has not undergone any change.

Details for the provision of Rs. 2,300 are given below:—

Rs.	200	Repairs to revetment wall.
,,	300	Casual labour.
,,	300	Cattle food.
,,	100	Plants.
,,	650	Manures.
,,	150	Fencing.
,,	400	Wire fencing to be done in parts.
,,	150	Levelling and planting.
,,	50	Cleaning drains, etc.

No special works have been proposed for next year. A small area has yet to be planted up. Planting for spacing experiments was finished this year The area to be planted up is for trials with varieties.

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Avenues.—The amount provided for "Avenues" is Rs. 9,227, out of which Rs. 1,227 is for 'Establishment charges'. The balance of Rs. 8,000 has been provided for maintenance of avenues. Details for the provision are the following :—

Rs.	2,350	Weeding and earthing up.
,,	3,000	Fencing.
,,	150	Renumbering.
,,	1,500	New planting and filling gaps.
,,	100	Manuring.
,,	300	Hoeing beds.
,,	450	Purchase of 2 cycles and repair of existing ones.
,,	50	Implements.
,,	100	Removal of wind-fallen trees and branches and trees obstructing traffic.
Total Rs.	8,000	

The above items do not call for any further remarks.

Panchayats.—The demand under this head is Rs. 1,95,206 which comprises the following :—

Rs.	11,603	Establishment.
,,	28,543	Irrigation.
,,	15,972	Sanitation.
,,	74,258	Communication.
,,	45,893	Water supply.
,,	4,682	Water pandals.
,,	14,068	Grant-in-aid to *Vaidyasalas*.
,,	37	Maintenance of avenues.
,,	150	Travelling allowance.

There is an increase of Rs. 10,542 in the allotment for 'Panchayat'. The increase is noticed under 'Communication' and 'grant to *Vaidyasalas*'. The increase in the latter is due to a proposed *Vaidyasala* at Ayilur and the establishment of Taluk *Visha Vaidyans* and a Central Institute for the manufacture of medicines and the growing of herbs. The other items do not call for any remarks.

Veterinary Hospitals.—The demand under 'Veterinary Hospitals—Votable Items' is Rs. 13,874. Since the details are supplied in the budget itself, I need not offer my further explanation.

Rs. 1,600 under 'Miscellaneous' is for the purchase of furniture, etc., and for the sweepers and water-carrier allowances and also for purchase of towels, dusters, firewood, soap and other sundries for the Hospitals.

In regard to the several observations—though not many—about the working of the Department of Agriculture and Panchayats, I would invite the favour of the Hon'ble Members' attention to my speech at the time of the last budget (vide pages

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810—811). I do not propose to say the same thing over again.

I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the demand.

Motions Nos. 1—4.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,466 for office establishment by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,426 for item 23 by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 44,923 for item 43 by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 44,923 for item 43 by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 5.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for cattle breeding by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 5.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—This motion is to enquire whether the Government have given up the idea of stationing stud-bulls in Taluks.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not at all.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 6—9.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,396 for item No. 7 by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,396 for item No. 7 by Re. 1.*

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,812 for Establishment by Re. 1.*

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 8,129 for Establishment by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 10.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,972 for Sanitation and Conservancy by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 10 stands in the name of Mr. A. L. Antony.

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Mr. A. L. Antony.—It is only to bring to the notice of the Government the low pay given to the sweepers and scavengers which comes to only Rs. 8 and Rs. 9. But the Birthday Boon of His Highness the Maharaja says 'that no servant of Our State should be given less than Rs. 10'. They are paid only Rs. 8 and 9. Their work is the most miserable work. They are also the servants of the State.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—They are not full-time servants.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—It is for the consideration of the Government of these facts that I have tabled this motion. I don't move it.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 11—14.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,972 for Sanitation and Conservancy by Re. 1.*

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,800 for road from Vettikkadavu to Pazhanji by Re. 1.*

Mr. K. J. Antony.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 45,705 under Demand No. II. (g) (iii) by Re. 1.*

Mr. K. J. Antony.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 45,705 under Demand No. II by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 15.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,204 for improving Koodalmanikkam Thekkaikulam by Rs. 5,000.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 15, Mr. A. L. Antony.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—That is about the substantial cut of Rs. 5,000. That is for improving the Thekkaikulam belonging to the Koodalmanikkam Devaswam. It was from time immemorial in the possession of the Koodalmanikkam Devaswam. There are other tanks also, *viz.*, the Kuttenkulam, the Theertham and the Western Kulam or the Padinjare Kulam. The money spent on these tanks, no doubt, will serve the purpose of only very few communities. While 6 thousand rupees have been sanctioned for it, I do not know why the other communities are given only Rs. 500, whereas there are no other tanks for them except the Nowrikulam. It is in such a dilapidated condition that the sum of Rs. 500 may not be sufficient for that tank at all. After all, the Government granted a gracious sum of Rs. 500, but at the same time, a sum of Rs. 6,500 was granted to these tanks. But the public at large received only Rs. 500.

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Deputy President.—The Devaswam has got other tanks, and it may not require this tank.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—I do not object to this grant. But, when there is no necessity, it is not proper to grant such sums. Let the public at large, which number 15 times more than the other community, be given one other tank also. Whilst I cut only 5 thousand, I sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,024. Rs. 6,024 is already allotted for it, and my substantial cut is for Rs. 5,000 only. I won't totally cut off the amount. The promise made by the Government, when the resolution on tanks and wells was discussed, was that equal facilities would be rendered to all the public irrespective of caste. So my cut is only to mention that. Only to bring to the notice of the Government the promise made by them that the same facilities would be extended to all the people, I have tabled this motion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is this Koodalmanikkam tank, 'Kuttankulam,'open to all classes? I would like the Member for Panchayats to give mean answer.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—You are now violating the principle which has been enumerated here several times, that public money would be spent only for purposes of public utility. Here is a tank which you are going to repair. Probably the sum of six thousand and odd rupees which is put down now is only a part, and probably another part will be following, which may be equally large or more. Whatever it is, this money is going to be utilised for the repair of a tank exclusively for the use of one particular section of the people. I understand that this tank has hitherto been repaired by the Devaswam funds.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It has been handed over to the Government.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—The Government is going to spend a sum of six thousand and odd rupees this year for the repair of a tank which is not used by all classes. I have again and again pointed out the detrimental policy they are following in making use of public money for things which are sectarian in their nature. I once again point out the ridiculous nature of the expenditure that is made for the use of one particular section only. Why not you throw it open? Now it is in the hands of the Government. What is the objection for the Government to throw it open to all classes? Or, if that should be used only by a particular section of the people, leave it to them for making repairs. There is no obligation on the part of the Government to repair this tank and maintain it, and to give it to a particular section.

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—This is the Kuttenkulam at Irinjalakkuda. It is doubtful whether the improvement of that tank would give some amount of benefit to the bathing public. Of course there are two or three important communities at Irinjalakkuda, and the Government have to provide tanks for all classes of people. There are two tanks, one on the eastern and the other on the northern side. One of them is quite a small tank, but the number of people using it also is very limited.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—So you mean that the people of Irinjalakkuda number very lower than the other.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I think so.

Deputy President.—Do you press?

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What is the use of division, Sir?

Mr. A. L. Antony.—I am not for a division of the House, but it is a clear injustice to the other people.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is there any objection to throw it open to all classes of the people?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It cannot be thrown open to all classes.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 16—20.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,95,206 under Demand No. II by Re. 1.*

Mr. C. J. Mathew.— *do by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.— *do by Re. 1.*

Establishment.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,969 for Veterinary Hospitals by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 6,000 for cost of medicines.*

Deputy President.—The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 21.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 83,321 for Votable Agriculture by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 21.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

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Motions Nos. 22—26.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,44,500 under Demand No. II by Re. 1.*

Do — *Do by Re. 1.*

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,01,591 under Demand No. II by Re. 1.*

Mr. T. K. Nayar.— *Do by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.— *Do by Rs. 10.*

Deputy President.—The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 27.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,44,500 under Demand No. II by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 27.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—I don't move it.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 28—29.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,44,500 under Demand No. II by Re. 1.*

Do — *Do by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motions Nos. 28—29. The Member is absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 30.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,01,591 under Demand No. II by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 30.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 31—33.

Mr. V. V. Ananlapadmanabha Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,44,500 under Demand No. II by Rs. 100.*

Dr. A. R. Menon.— *Do. by Rs. 100.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,02,091 for Agriculture and Panchayats.*

Deputy President.—Motions 31—33. The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Question proposed;—*That the allotment asked for Agriculture and Panchayats be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

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